

City Clerk's Office
February 9, 2015
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on February 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Vance Keller, Steve Schell and Mayor, Dustin Doze. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Sarah Carter, City Treasurer, and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Also in attendance were Marcus Ashlock, Carol Roberts, Marshall Hart, Leslie Carlholm, Isabel Leyva and Noble Phillips. In attendance to make grant presentations to the City of Syracuse were: Randy Coleman and Shawn Powelson of Wheatland Electric Cooperative and Rae Gorman and Jay Gorman of Pioneer Electric Cooperative. Councilmember Matt Gould was absent.

The meeting was opened by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public concerns.

Shawn Powelson and Randy Coleman, representing of Wheatland Electric Cooperative and Rae Gorman, representing Pioneer Electric Cooperative presented the City of Syracuse grants of \$2000 from each Electric Cooperative. The grants were graciously accepted by Mayor Doze.

Mayor Doze presented Isabel Leyva the Citizen of the Month Award. Isabel Leyva showed her appreciation of the Honors Lunch sponsored by New Life Fellowship by saying Thank You to the people helping serve lunch. This reminded the other diners to do the same.

The agenda was adopted on motion from Councilmember Schell, seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the minutes with amendments in the paragraph concerning wage and salary increases. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy and passed with all Councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve appropriation ord. #907 in the amount of \$136,377.06. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. Motion passed with all Councilmembers voting aye.

Ordinance No. 682, An ordinance granting the Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. its successors and assigns, the franchise and right to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission and distribution lines, facilities or systems within the corporate limits of the City of Syracuse, State of Kansas, to transmit, distribute and sell electric energy to the said City and its inhabitants, and to transmit electric energy through said City for distribution and sale to residents outside the City, was read section by section and as a whole. Councilmember Schell made motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller and passed with all members voting aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to ask the Planning Commission to consider amending the zoning regulations so that chickens and pet livestock (i.e. miniature horses) might be allowed in residential areas. Councilmember Keller seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted aye.

City Clerk Dinkel informed the City Council that Kansas Department of Health and Environment Representative, Allen Nichols, and the Kansas Water Office had asked that the City of Syracuse update the Water Conservation Plan and look into updating the Ordinance No. 624 which is the Water Emergency Plan.

Councilmember Boy asked if anyone had a good idea for the stone sign that is to go by the park at the corner Highways 27 and 50. Several ideas were discussed. It was decided that the park committee should meet and discuss the issue.

Mayor Doze asked to have changing how the City of Syracuse supported the Syracuse Youth Activities Association (SYAA) be considered during the budget process for 2016. Until the year 2016, the City of Syracuse would continue to support the SYAA in the same manner as agreed upon in May of 2005.

Administrator Bloyd presented utility rate for water: inside corporate limits be \$11.00 per month minimum for which the consumer may use 5,000 gallons and the rate of \$1.40 per thousand gallons in addition to the minimum rate. Other rates would be raised at the same percentage.

Administrator Bloyd presented the utility rate for sewer: inside the corporate limits residential rate be \$12.00 per month. This is a flat rate not connected to the amount of water used. Other rates would be raised at the same percentage.

The City Council directed City Attorney Gale to draw up ordinances concerning utility rates to be considered at the next meeting.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Eric Peterson had talked to the economic development board about becoming an "e community". The advertisements for Wild West Country were going well.

Sand Park: The weather has been good and that has brought some visitors to the park. Crew is going to try to run some water lines to tent camping sights.

City Administrator: Our review with Allen Nichols from KDHE of the water system went very well. The old playground equipment from Benchmark Park has been removed.

Mayor: Recently toured the water system. Mayor is still getting complaints about cats.

City Clerk: Linda Dinkel will be out of the office February 13th through the 20th.

Round Table: Councilmember Boy asked for feedback on the criteria for nominating Citizen of the Month recipients. Councilmember Keller was pleased to tell the council that while buying supplies in Colorado Springs, the sales clerk relayed how much fun she had when visiting the Syracuse Sand Dunes.

Councilmember Keller made motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel, City Clerk

Dustin Doze, Mayor